

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Roxann Maples-Stokes on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Roxann Maples-Stokes of Georgetown is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maples-Stokes has been a volunteer with the Hospice of Chattanooga Cleveland Unit since June 2018; she quickly became the Lead Crafts Volunteer, helping to create and develop a crafts activity program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maples-Stokes creates and directs fun and interactive ability-conscious crafts for hospice patients and residents of assisted-living and nursing homes; her activities help provide participants with socialization, sensory and memory stimulation, exercise for fine motor skills, emotional expression, and a sense of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, a caring and fun-loving individual, Ms. Maples-Stokes has a way of creating enjoyable and enriching experiences for her community and is affectionately known as "Miss Roxy" amongst residents; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as a leader and role model for the Hospice of Chattanooga's Junior Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Roxann Maples-Stokes is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Roxann Maples-Stokes for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.